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# ROD 2018 CON

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 7th, 2018  
10 A.M. - 4 P.M.**

**A MINI COMIC-CON**

**COMICS, CRAFTS, GAMES,  
COSTUME CONTEST FOR ALL AGES**

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# WELCOME TO --- RODCON

Welcome to the 5th Annual Rod Library Mini Comic Con! The event is free and open to the public. Our goal is to connect the UNI community to the public through the celebration of comics, heroes, and the arts. We will be hosting a Tweetwall again this year! Use #RodCon2018 to be a part of the conversation.

Several UNI departments and community organizations have collaborated with Rod Library to make RodCon possible. Many thanks to the UNI Departments of Communication Studies, Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology, Theater Arts, Education, Art, and Chemistry, as well as UNI STEM, UNI School of Applied Human Sciences, UNI School of Music, IT Digital Media Hub, UNI Rod Library, UNI Museum and Waterloo Public Library for helping with this event.

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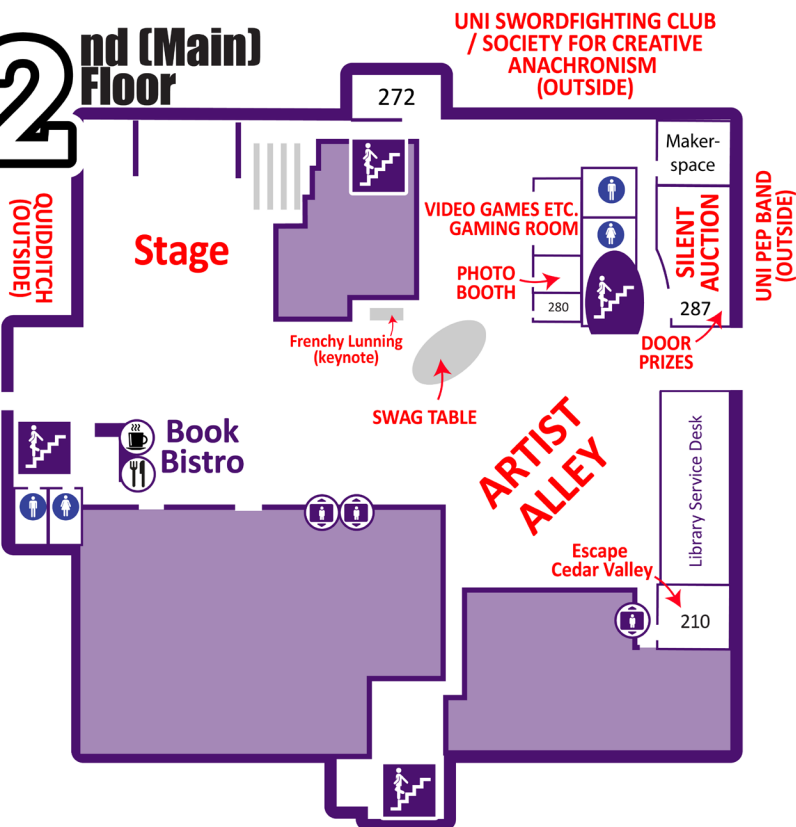
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# LOCATIONS

## MAPS OF ROD LIBRARY

### 2<sup>nd</sup> (Main) Floor



### 1<sup>st</sup> Floor



# LOCATIONS

## MAPS OF ROD LIBRARY



# SCHEDULE

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## ON-GOING EVENTS

\*Events run all day unless time listed

<b>Artemis Starship Bridge Simulation</b> *10:30-11:30 a.m. & 1 - 3 p.m.	<b>Room 373</b>
<b>Artist Alley</b>	<b>Learning Commons</b>
<b>Caricature Artist</b> *11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>UNI Museum (1st floor)</b>
<b>Escape Cedar Valley Escape Room</b> *runs every 45 min	<b>Room 210</b>
<b>Herb Hake Exhibit</b>	<b>UNI Museum (1st floor)</b>
<b>Kids' Zone</b>	<b>Youth Collection</b>
<b>Meeple Meeting Board Game Area</b>	<b>Booths</b>
<b>Photo Booth</b> *11:30 am - 3:00 p.m.	<b>Room 281</b>
<b>Silent Auction</b>	<b>Room 287</b>
<b>Video Games Etc! Gaming Room</b>	<b>Room 282</b>
<b>Wall of Comic Art</b>	<b>Learning Commons</b>

## 9:30-10:00 a.m.

<b>UNI Pep Band playing geek music</b>	<b>Outside</b>
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## 10:30 a.m.

<b>But Why Comics?</b>	<b>Room 324</b>
<b>Trivia: Sci-fi</b>	<b>Room 378</b>

## 11 a.m.

<b>'Eww, My Comic Book Has Cooties': Exploring the Gendered World of Comics</b>	<b>Scholar Space (Room301)</b>
<b>Half-Masted Improv</b>	<b>Stage</b>

## 11:30 a.m.

<b>Kid Costume Contest</b>	<b>Stage</b>
<b>Trivia: Super Movies</b>	<b>Room 378</b>

# SCHEDULE

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## Noon

Hogwarts Potions Class Demo	Stage
How to Analyze and Critique Anime and Manga! Frenchy Lunning	Scholar Space (Room301)
UNI Swordfighting Club	Outside

## 1 p.m.

Black Panther and Beyond	Scholar Space (Room301)
Pokken	MakerSpace
Society for Creative Anachronism	Outside
Trivia: Ready Player One and 80's	Room 378

## 2 p.m.

Beginning 3-D Design and Printing for Cosplay	MakerSpace
Quidditch	Outside
So You Want to be a Stormtrooper? 501st	Scholar Space (Room301)
Trivia: Anime	Room 378

## 2:30 p.m.

Belly Dancing: Prairie Rose Middle Eastern Dance Troupe	Stage
Last Call for Silent Auction	Room 287

## 3 p.m.

Adult Costume Contest	Stage
Quidditch	Outside
Silent Auction Winners Announced	Stage

**\*\*In the event of inclement weather, outside events will be relocated to 1st floor**



# WHAT'S THAT?

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## EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

### Adult Costume Contest

Come and strut your stuff on the catwalk for fabulous prizes. Attention! The Comic Con and costume contest is an ALL AGES event. Anyone wearing anything extremely risqué, overly gory or costumes deemed inappropriate by our staff will be asked to leave or change. Contestants will meet by the Reference Collection Northwest corner of second floor by 3 p.m.

### Artemis Bridge Simulation

Artemis Space Bridge Simulator is a game where you take the role of a bridge officer in a Sci-fi ship. You ARE your favorite character from your favorite space TV show. Join in the adventure from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. & 1-3 p.m. in Room 373.

### Beginning 3D Design and Printing for Cosplay

Join UNI STEM Coordinator Marcy Seavey in this mini-workshop that will explore 3D printing for cosplay costume design. Set up a free TinkerCAD online account and learn the basics of 3D modeling. Also view examples of 3D printed cosplay designs from comics, mmorpg, movies, and more. Join us at 2 p.m. in the Makerspace.

### Belly Dancing: Prairie Rose Middle Eastern Dance Troupe

The Prairie Rose Middle Eastern Dance Troupe will perform traditional and fusion dances from and inspired by Egypt, Lebanon, Greece, and other countries in the Middle East and Mediterranean. Contact Helen at [harton@uni.edu](mailto:harton@uni.edu) for more information! Performance starts at 2:30 p.m. on the Stage.

### Black Panther and Beyond

Did you watch *Black Panther* and have so much to discuss? Join Sade Barfield, Joshua Mitchell, and Georgetta Ruth as they discuss the current visibility of people of color in pop culture and comics. How did we get here, and where will we go? Panel begins at 1 p.m. in the ScholarSpace (Room 301).

### But Why Comics?

This panel of faculty members, parents, and comic enthusiasts will share insights about how comics and graphic novels can support literacy, creativity, and storytelling. Each panelist will provide a brief overview from their point of view, followed by an open Q and A time. Panel begins at 10:30 a.m. in Room 324.

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### **Caricature Artist & Herb Hake Exhibit**

Professional illustrator, caricature artist, and cartoonist Chris Moore will be in the Museum on the first floor from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. providing free caricature sketches, thanks to UNI Museum. While on the 1st floor take a look at the Museums current Herb Hake exhibit on an Iowa author, cartoonist, radio, and television personality.

### **Escape Cedar Valley Escape Room**

It was supposed to be a fun night at the circus, but something went wrong. Break the curse and escape from the Caravan of Thieves presented by Escape Cedar Valley. The room will reset throughout the day every 45 minutes in Room 210.

### **'Eww, My Comic Book Has Cooties':**

#### **Exploring the Gendered World of Comics**

The panel will discuss gender and comics, specifically the role of women at all levels of the comic book and related film industry. It will also question and problematize the recent "pushback" to gender inclusion in internet trolling, and predator behavior. The comic book world is in a unique position, benefiting from progress and diversity. Panel begins at 11 a.m. in the ScholarSpace Room 301.

### **Half-Masted Improv Performance**

Cedar Falls Half-Masted Improvisation Troupe will entertain you with kid-friendly comedy. Performance begins at 11:00 a.m. on the Stage.

### **Hogwarts Potions Class Demo**

Join the Hogwarts Potions Class for a demonstration of magical proportions! See color-changing solutions and other astounding spells produced by the Wizards from the students affiliates of the American Chemical Society (ACS). Demonstration begins at noon on the Stage.

### **How to Analyze and Critique Anime and Manga! (Keynote)**

Join Frenchy Lunning PhD at University of Minnesota, and member of the editorial board of Mechademia. Her expertise will offer a deeper look into Anime and Manga. From the curious con-goer to the student looking to get an 'A' using Anime and Manga in your class. Join her at noon in the ScholarSpace (Room 301).

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### **Kids' Zone**

Get your superhero on! Crafts for kids and teens alike. Shrinky dinks, light sabers, gloves, capes, masks, create your own comic and stop animation creation. Kids' Zone runs from 10 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. in the Youth Collection (3rd floor). DnD, wand making, and story time will also take place at specific times. Check out the kid-friendly events program for specific times and all the activities.

### **Pokken**

Pokken is a one-on-one Pokémon video fighting game where trainers get to battle using their favorite Pokémon characters like Pikachu, Lucario, and Charizard. Join Michelle Chin as she demonstrates the game basics and some of the finer points of various main characters. Trainers of all levels of experience are welcome to participate. Demonstrators will show the game at 1 p.m. in the Makerspace.

### **Quidditch**

Join the University of Iowa Quidditch team as they demonstrate the sport of Quidditch. You may even be able to participate in a "Kidditch" event so you can see how it's done from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Outside on the west side of the Library.

### **Silent Auction**

Thanks to our generous sponsors, this year's RodCon will feature a silent auction that will take place during the day's activities in Room 287. Bidding will begin at 10 a.m. and final bids must be placed by 2:30 p.m. (the start of the adult costume contest). Payment for these items may be by card, cash, or check. If you are not present when the auction has ended and you placed the winning bid, your prize will go to the next highest bidder. No items will be held past 4 p.m.

# WHAT'S THAT?

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## EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

### **So You Want to be a Stormtrooper? 501st**

We've all seen Star Wars...and you've probably wondered, "What if I could be a part of it?" A long time ago, in a galaxy not so far away, a group of fans got together and started one of the largest fan groups the world has ever seen. You've probably seen members of the 501st at movie premieres, festivals, and comic conventions all around the country...and now you can find out how to join them at 2 p.m. in the ScholarSpace Room 301.

### **Society for Creative Anachronism Demonstration**

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is an international organization dedicated to researching and re-creating the arts and skills of pre-17th-century Europe. The Shire of Deodar branch is here to demonstrate their skills for you at 1 p.m. Outside the Northwest side of the Library.

### **Trivia**

Let the competition begin! These are individual events (some leniency will be given for children who wish to participate with their caregiver). Prizes will be awarded to winners from each group.

Categories will include: Sci-fi at 10:30 a.m., Super Hero movies at 11:30 a.m., Ready Player One and the 80's at 1 p.m., and Anime at 2 p.m.

### **UNI Swordfighting Club Demo**

See the UNI Swordfighting Club to learn this full-contact, fun, easy-to-learn game of medieval/fantasy-style combat using foam padded weapons from noon -1 p.m. Outside on the west side of the Library.

### **Video Games Etc! Gaming Room**

Come play some video games with Video Games Etc!. Mini-tournaments will be hosted throughout the entire day, winners of each tournament will receive a gift certificate to Video Games Etc! in Cedar Falls. All day in Room 282.

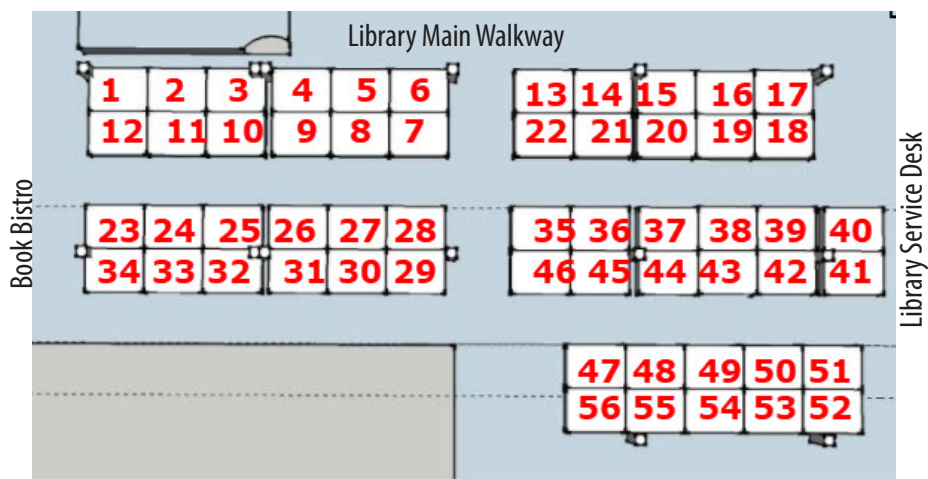
# ARTIST ALLEY

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- Booth 3 Maze's Fan art
- Booth 4 Phil Hester
- Booth 5 Jason Longstreet
- Booth 6 Lena D Artistry
- Booth 7 voyagehour
- Booth 8 Brittnidraws
- Booth 9 J. Thompson Books
- Booth 10 Erin Gitchell, Author
- Booth 11 Wandering Mail
- Booth 12 Alan Morton
- Booth 13 Rusted Icon Designs
- Booth 14 Rusted Icon Designs
- Booth 15 Phoenix Dawn Creations
- Booth 16 Phoenix Dawn Creations
- Booth 17 Harlan's Emporium of the Curious and the Bizarre
- Booth 18 Harlan's Emporium of the Curious and the Bizarre
- Booth 19 King's Carvings
- Booth 20 The Whimsy Cellar
- Booth 21 The Whimsy Cellar
- Booth 22 Green Unicorn Art & Peppermint Pati Crafts
- Booth 23 Dwarven Workshop
- Booth 24 Dwarven Workshop
- Booth 25 Mark Tungsiripat
- Booth 26 The Core
- Booth 27 The Core
- Booth 28 The Core
- Booth 29 JetFalco
- Booth 30 Moony's Dreamy Delights
- Booth 31 Network Nirvana
- Booth 32 Society for Creative Anachronism
- Booth 33 Iowa Mercs/501st
- Booth 34 Creations by Cariah

# ARTIST ALLEY

- Booth 35 Echo Jewelry + Gifts
- Booth 36 Unnecessary Apostrophe Studios
- Booth 37 The Three Pegases
- Booth 38 Nextuus Webcomic
- Booth 39 Coco Creations
- Booth 40 Coco Creations
- Booth 41 Dire Atrium
- Booth 42 Limited Edition
- Booth 43 Limited Edition
- Booth 44 Total Party Kill Games
- Booth 45 Total Party Kill Games
- Booth 46 Shiloh's Stitches
- Booth 47 Oak Leaf Collectibles
- Booth 48 Daughters / Sons of Twilight
- Booth 49 Daydreamer Art
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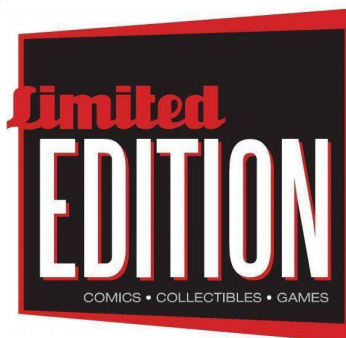
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